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Recognizing the 63rd anniversary of India's independence, expressing appreciation to Americans of Indian descent for their contributions to society, and expressing support and optimism for the strategic partnership and friendship between the United States and India in the future.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 2010

Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. DODD) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the 63rd anniversary of India's independence, expressing appreciation to Americans of Indian descent for their contributions to society, and expressing support and optimism for the strategic partnership and friendship between the United States and India in the future.

Whereas on August 15, 1947, India gained independence from Great Britain and became a sovereign nation;

Whereas August 15 is celebrated in India as Independence Day;

Whereas India is the largest democracy in the world;

Whereas India has one of the largest and most dynamic economies in the world;

Whereas, in recent years, the United States and India have pursued a strategic partnership based on common interests and shared commitments to freedom, democracy, pluralism, human rights, and the rule of law;

Whereas President Barack Obama referred to the relationship between the United States and India as “one of the defining partnerships of the 21st century” at the first State dinner hosted by President Obama, which was held in honor of Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh in November 2009;

Whereas the United States and India completed the inaugural round of the United States-India Strategic Dialogue in June 2010;

Whereas the United States and India have undertaken a cooperative effort in the area of civilian nuclear power, which Congress approved through the enactment of the United States-India Nuclear Cooperation Approval and Nonproliferation Enhancement Act (Public Law 110–369; 122 Stat. 4028);

Whereas the strong relationship between the United States and India, based on mutual trust and respect, enables close collaboration across a broad spectrum of strategic interests, including counterterrorism, democracy promotion, regional economic development, human rights, and scientific research;

Whereas the United States and India have balanced, growing, and mutually beneficial trade and investment ties that create jobs in both countries;

Whereas, since 2001, Indians have comprised the largest foreign student population on college campuses in the

United States, accounting for approximately 15 percent of all foreign students in the United States;

Whereas there are more than 2,000,000 Americans of Indian descent in the United States;

Whereas Americans of Indian descent have made lasting contributions to the social and economic fabric of the United States; and

Whereas Americans of Indian descent continue to enrich all sectors of public life in the United States, including as government, military, and law enforcement officials working to uphold the Constitution of the United States and to protect all people in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) recognizes the 63rd anniversary of India's
3 independence;

4 (2) celebrates the contributions of Americans of
5 Indian descent to society in the United States; and

6 (3) remains committed to fostering and advancing
7 the strategic partnership between the United
8 States and India in the future.

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